

REMARKS

Entry of the amendment prior to examination is respectfully requested.

By the present amendment, the Continuation information required by 37 CFR § 1.72 is provided.

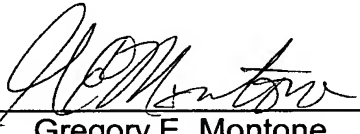
This Continuation application presents new claims 1-9 for examination. With regard to this, it is noted that these claims particularly define features of a first and second CMOS logic block, each being capable of being set in one of an active mode and a standby mode. In addition, the claims particularly define the operations of first and second MOS transistors of the first and second CMOS logic circuit blocks in respective active modes and standby modes and in first and second states. As such, it is respectfully submitted that newly presented claims 1-9 in this Continuation application patentably define over the cited prior art, and are directed to a separate patentable invention from the inventions claimed in the parent patents. Therefore, consideration and allowance of newly submitted claims 1-9 of this Continuation application is respectfully requested.

In view of the foregoing, entry of the present amendments and examination of the above-identified application on the merits in due course, are respectfully requested.

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Respectfully submitted,

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